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Leadership Changes in Cocoa & Palm Bay

Effective January 1, 2015, Dr. Denise Young accepted a change of assignment due to her experience with Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) reaffirmation. The University's next SACSCOC compliance report is due in Fall 2015, with our on-site visit scheduled for April 2016. Because of Denise's experience, it was requested that she assist Academic Affairs and Regional Campuses in the upcoming reaffirmation effort. She is also working on select special assignments within Regional Campuses.

At Vice-Provost's request, I assumed additional leadership duties in my role as Director, UCF Cocoa and Palm Bay campuses effective January 1, 2015. I am honored and excited to continue the important work going on at the two campuses in an additional leadership capacity. The Spring semester will bring a continuation of several initiatives, including the Direct Connect Pathways project with EFSC, the 2015-2016 schedule build process, and numerous activities related to student support, diversity, and new student recruitment. As always, I look forward to working with you and I appreciate your support of our campuses.

Dr. Lauren Miller

Successful Semester for the UCF Speech Team

New UCF Speech Team director and Human Communication faculty member, **Jonathan Conway**, and **Jerry Sublette** conducted a parliamentary debate workshop in partnership with Southeastern University.

On October 17, the team hosted a parliamentary debate tournament on the Palm Bay campus. Six teams from UCF, Southeastern University, Miami Dade College, and Broward College competed in a round-robin tournament of five rounds of debate. Debate topics included Ebola policy, ISIS policy, and proposed Amendments 1 and 2 to the Florida constitution.

The UCF Speech Team traveled to the Capitol City Classic at Tallahassee Community College where it won its first team sweepstakes trophy as the 4th place team in the tournament. **Amanda Grimsley** placed first in Program Oral Interpretation -- the very first time that a UCF student has been an event champion in the 3-year history of the team. The team continued its success at the Child of the Sun Invitational at Florida Southern College in Lakeland. In October the team traveled to the University of Alabama and to Berry College in Rome, GA.

On November 21, a joust was held on the Cocoa campus which included teams from Rollins College, Southeastern University, and Polk State College as well as from UCF. Southeastern University emerged as champion at both the Cocoa and Palm Bay tournaments.

Dr. Denise Young, **Anne Trelstad**, **Barbara Alderman**, and **Barbara Kyle** participated as judges for the on campus tournaments.

Rebekah Waldorff, a senior in Human Communication, has placed 3rd in Rhetorical Criticism at Child of Sun at Florida Southern in Lakeland and at the Bill Todd Debates at the University of Miami, 5th place in Communication Analysis at Florida State College in Jacksonville, and made the semi-finals in Impromptu Speaking at TCC Capital City Classic and at the Star Invitational.

Jessica Zamudio, a senior Psychology major from Palm Bay, has excelled as a novice in parliamentary debate and extemporaneous speaking. She has represented UCF in four parli tournaments and one individual events tournament.

Through this semester's successes, UCF has qualified students in seven events for the NFA national tournament.



Dr. Amy Foster, History, was one of the featured historians in the “Women in Space” episode of the PBS documentary series “Makers,” which aired on October 14, 2014.

Dr. Jacqueline LaManna, Nursing, presented her dissertation research “Hospital-to-Home Transition Outcomes of Older Adults Diagnosed with Diabetes” at the American Association of Diabetes Educators’ annual meeting. A poster on the subject was also presented at the Southern Nursing Research Society annual meeting. Dr. LaManna is sitting on AADE’s Research Council.

Dr. Florin Mihai, TESOL, co-authored Educating English Learners: What every classroom teacher needs to know, which was published by Harvard Educational Press in August. Dr. Mihai also co-authored two chapters for Preparing the way: Teaching ELs in the K-12 classrooms (2nd ed.): “ELs and content area assessment: Large scale and classroom-based applications,” and “Using proficiency testing to improve instruction: WIDA and CELLA.”

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Welcome Back Cocoa & Palm Bay

In September, the Cocoa and Palm Bay campuses welcomed their faculty and staff members to a new academic year with light



refreshments, an overview of the previous fiscal year and additions for the new year. Also covered were policy updates regarding faculty travel and computers, exam proctoring, and textbook orders, and information about new federal guideline concerning student engagement and financial aid and the new state policy on an excess credit hour surcharge.

If you would like to receive a copy of the presentation, please email cocoa147@ucf.edu.

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The Cocoa campus hosted a viewing of The Committee. This award-winning documentary created by UCF Honors in the Major class examines the Florida Legislative

Investigation Committee’s efforts to root out homosexuality in higher education in Florida. The film was followed by a panel with Dr. Robert Cassanello, History, Dr. Lisa Mills, Film, and Dr. Ben Brotmarkle, Executive Director of the Florida Historical Society.

Filthy Dreamers, another documentary overseen by Drs. Cassanello and Mills, will have a viewing that is hosted by the Cocoa campus on March 31 at 4:00 pm followed by a panel discussion. This piece looks at the efforts of students, faculty and the president of Florida State Women’s College as they stood up for academic freedom when challenged about teaching evolution in the 1920s. The event is open to the public.

Training and Enrichment offered in Cocoa & Palm Bay

Films for Peace “12 Years a Slave”
“The Committee”

Diversity Breakfast

Creating Inclusive Work Environments

Sonya Curtis attended a Greater Palm Bay Chamber of Commerce Membership Luncheon, the Brevard County Government Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration, and the EFSC Palm Bay Disability Awareness Day.

Dr. Lauren Miller and **Sheryl Schagen** attended the 2014 Exemplary Science Teachers Awards Program.

Dr. Lauren Miller attended the October meeting of the Economic Development Commission, the Workforce Champions summit at Port Canaveral.

Dr. Lauren Miller also attended the Johnson Scholarship recipient luncheon with EFSC Trustee Myra Haley.

Dr. Denise Young attended many community events in support of the Cocoa & Palm Bay campuses including:

- Embraer Groundbreaking Ceremony for its Legacy 450 and 500 business jet assembly operation at the Melbourne International Airport
- October monthly meeting of American Business Women's Association, Space Coast Chapter. The speaker's topic was "Taking Care of You."
- The 2014 Space Coast Rolling Readers Back to School Luncheon with faculty member Dr. Shloe Kerness.
- Spoke to the UCF Center for Success of Women Faculty about her accomplishments at UCF



- Visited the UN to present proposals related to enrollment of UCF in the United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI), support for the World Academy for the Future of Women to the UN and to meet with representatives of Clinton Global Initiative University), and a meeting with Girls Rising
- Attended a facilitator training seminar for the World Academy for the Future of Women.
- Attended the Fall Florida Consortium for International (FCIE) Conference where she chaired a session on Recruitment of International Students
- Attended the SACSCOC Annual Meeting.



Southern Region Administration

- Continued collaboration with EFSC through the following:
 - Attendance at:
 - EFSC Student Services Council Meetings
 - EFSC Provost/Executive Council Meetings
 - EFSC BOT meetings
 - Monthly meetings with EFSC Provosts
 - EFSC Faculty Inservice Day
 - EFSC Faculty/Staff Welcome Back
 - And meetings to:
 - Establish a Palm Bay Writing Center with EFSC personnel Dr. Roslonowski, Provost Slaughter, Cindy Puckett, and CJ Baker-Schverak
 - Review joint projects with EFSC President Jim Richey and Dr. Linda Miedema
- Continued involvement with the Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast through attendance at the EDC Board of Directors Meeting

College of Health and Public Affairs

The Honorable Judge Jack Griesbaum lead a guest lecture detailing sentencing procedures in the court system for **Dr. Deb Rhyne's** CJL 4514 Criminal Sentencing class. Judge Griesbaum used the sentencing score sheet to walk students through sentencing decisions based on real-life cases from his courtroom.

College of Education

Regional faculty Donna Frazee and Irina McLaughlin presented a "brown bag" HAPPY Hour workshop, TESOL Notebook: What, Why, When, Where..., at the UCF Cocoa campus on January 29 for elementary education majors. The TESOL notebook is a student-created collection of artifacts that document the infusion of the ESOL performance standards into the UCF undergraduate teacher education program. The workshop provided an overview of the TESOL Notebook requirements, how to compile the TESOL documentation, and access to available resources.

Dr. Shloe Kerness' pre-service teachers visited the Florida Historical Library in historic Cocoa Village to learn how to use primary source documents in the elementary curriculum. Ben DiBiase, the Director of Education at the library, gave students an opportunity to analyze maps of



Florida from the early 1500s through the American Revolution. Also, students were able to analyze different promissory notes from three different centuries in order to learn more about the slave trade in Florida. This hands-on experience taught this group of future teachers the benefits of using primary sources in the curriculum.

UCF Cocoa Alumna Named Brevard's Teacher of the Year

Amy Parsons, sixth grade language arts, reading, and social studies teacher from Tropical Elementary School on Merritt Island, was selected as this year's Brevard Public Schools' Teacher of the Year at the district's ABC (Applauding Brevard's Champions) Awards Gala. Parsons earned two degrees from the University of Central Florida, including a master of arts in elementary education completed May 2006 at UCF's Cocoa campus.

College of Nursing

Cocoa's August nursing graduates achieved a 100% pass rate on the NCLEX licensing exam. This is the 5th year in a row that the Cocoa campus has had a 100% pass rate.

The Cocoa Student Nursing Association raised \$315 to sponsor children through the charity Tubie Friends, which gives hospitalized children teddy bears with matching medical equipment. As a result, a young girl and the entire Children's Hospital of Wisconsin were sponsored, for a total of 16 teddy bears matched to medically intensive children. These bears help kids overcome their fear of necessary interventions such as tubes, drains, and implants. An anonymous donor stepped forward to match the funds as a gift to the SNA for their NCLEX preparation efforts. Other service events that the SNA volunteered with include a Reed & Feed at local libraries, the Walk to End Alzheimer's, and the Buddy Walk in Cocoa, FL. A Thanksgiving Food Drive brought in 176 items which were donated to the East Coast Christian Center food pantry in Merritt Island, which feeds over 350 needy families weekly.

Cocoa nursing students provided over 850 immunizations to veterans, staff and volunteers at the Brevard Out-patient Veteran's Clinic. **Dr. Krisann Draves** coordinated the program with the VA and **Dr. Jacqueline LaManna** and **Ms. Charlotte Neubauer** provided proctored the students. The students also attended the state Student Nurses Association conference and participated in a back-to-school health fair for low income families during the semester break.

Charlotte Neubauer, Nursing, started a "Nurture the Nurse" (NTN) pilot program for the students on a bi-monthly schedule to offer a variety of methods for stress reduction. The idea is that a person cannot control what happens outside them but they can manage how they react by learning methods that can be put in their own "tool bag". **Dr. Joyce Burr**, Nursing, is assisting with the program.



Direct Connect

Kim Poppert completed Career Development Facilitator training which is designed to familiarize academic advisors with the necessary skills to assist students with career related decision making throughout the post-secondary lifespan. This certification allows Kim to work with incoming Direct Connect students so they select and develop the correct degree plan that fits with their career goals including use of the UCF virtual career center website and assessments offered through MyPlan.

Emails were sent to all EFSC students that are eligible for the new Pathways project.

Kim and **Patricia Terrill**, Advising, represented Direct Connect at a UCF football game.



Kim also joined Teri Jones from EFSC at the EFSC Freshman Welcome Receptions and a TechXpo event.

Sonya Curtis staffed the Direct Connect table at the EFSC Palm Bay Fall Job Fair and the Disability Awareness day.

Enrollment Services



Enrollment Services hosted Application Day at the UCF Cocoa Campus assisting students with applications and other admissions questions, attended Brevard Public Schools College Fair reaching out to several hundred prospective students and their families, and attended Welcome Back Events hosted by EFSC on the Palm Bay, Melbourne, Cocoa, and Titusville campuses.

Staff members from Enrollment Services, Advising, Business Services and Administration worked a table at Brevard County Zoo's Boo at the Zoo event to give out candy and promote UCF Cocoa & Palm Bay Campuses.

Enrollment Services and Advising staff have completed 44 classroom visits at EFSC during Fall 2014 speaking with 578 students. The office also had a total of 2,546 other contacts with students.

Academic Advising

Angel Edgecombe, Patricia Terrill and **Sheryl Schagen** attended the 22nd Annual Transfer Advising Workshop in the Pegasus Ballroom. UCF and the state college transfer community joined each other for the annual information sharing and professional networking event. EFSC advisors from all campuses attended. This event provides the latest university updates about admissions, financial assistance, academic programs and transfer student initiatives.

During the month of September, **Sheryl Schagen** and **Dr. Karri Williams**, Education, presented Education Information Sessions in EFSC classrooms at the Cocoa, Melbourne and Palm Bay campuses.

Academic Advising had almost 30,000 contacts with students during the Fall 2014 semester.

Joint-Use Library

The UCF/EFSC Joint-Use library will be offering Citation Workshops in March and all are welcome to attend. The workshops are a collaborative effort between the UCF Librarians, EFSC Librarians, and the Cocoa Writing Center. Each session will cover the basics of MLA and APA style and will provide an opportunity for citation-related questions. The workshops will be held at 12:30pm on March 11th and 4:30pm March 12th. They will be in the library, Building 12, Room 228. Bring your questions, assignments, or working papers!

Please send us any requests for books, media, or ebooks that you'd like to have in our joint-use library. We currently have funds and welcome suggestions. Send to either [Barbara Alderman@ucf.edu](mailto:Barbara.Alderman@ucf.edu) or Andy.Todd@ucf.edu

Library Association of Brevard, along with the Friends of Central Brevard Library, sponsored a Special performance by Rick Smith, son of Florida author Patrick Smith, at Central Brevard Library in Cocoa, FL. It was an enjoyable and educational multimedia show about a locally famous author, Patrick Smith. He wrote A Land Remembered, now in its 18th edition and was a Great Floridian, a tribute named by the Governor. Over 120 people attended this performance. LAB president, **Barbara Alderman**, introduced the speaker and presented Rick Smith with a check for the event.

As part of a group presentation at the Southern Management Association in November, 2014, with **Dr. Donna Malvey** and her colleagues from University of Alabama at Birmingham, **Barbara Alderman** participated in the group's presentation of mHealth: Will it Reinvent Healthcare or Leave the Marketplace at a Standstill.

Student Services

The Student Services Office had a fall term filled with many activities including:

Transfer Orientation

Student Services had a total of 111 new transfers complete the Orientation spring 2015 cycle and an overall completion rate of 98%. Thanks to everyone for making this cycle one of the highest completion rates we've had. Student Services staff had over 505 contacts regarding orientation and the transition process for spring 2015.

Academic and Career Services Workshops

Several academic and career workshops were offered for students throughout the term:

SARC Workshop *Academic Organization*, September 4
 SARC Workshop *Discover your Learning Style*, September 18
 Career Service *Job Search Strategies*, September 23
 Career Services *Written Job Communication*, October 23
 SARC Workshop *Avoiding Procrastination*, November 6
 Career Services *Social Media Resume*, November 12

Diversity and Disability Workshops/Trainings and Other Activities

Barbara Thompson, Assistant Director in the Office of Diversity and Inclusion facilitated two diversity workshops for students, faculty and staff in fall 2014, Popcorn for Peace: 12 Years a Slave and Creating an Inclusive Work Environment on November 6. The annual Diversity Week Breakfast was broadcast to both our Cocoa and Palm Bay campuses on October 13.

Student Services and SOS South Staff updates

Angie Jones is serving on the Downtown Campus Support Services Team. This team's goal is to identify critical programs and activities necessary for student success, including but not limited to academic advising, learning assistance and career readiness.

Student Disability Services

Student Services continues to work closely with SDS Orlando staff providing services to students at our Campuses. Several Welcome Meetings have taken place with new transfers establishing their accommodations. Angie Jones is working with SDS Orlando to ensure students throughout the Regional Campuses system are having a smooth transition to UCF and also receiving equal accommodations that their fellow students receive at the Orlando campus. She has completed two site visits with Pam Cavanaugh and two SDS Orlando Consultants, Johanna Thompson and Kimberly Foy. So far, they have visited UCF Valencia West and UCF Valencia Osceola. Several future visits are being planned for other Regional Campus sites.

Veteran's Services

We continued to be very busy with assisting our veteran student population at UCF Cocoa and UCF Palm Bay. For spring 2015, we had 48 students utilize our services to certify hours for their veteran education benefits.

Tech Tip

Malware

Most computer trojans and viruses start out as malware. The recent hack of 3 billion overseas bank customer accounts was just a sophisticated malware that came disguised as a departmental email that contained a document that was opened by users and spread. The malware sat on the employee's computers and the hackers watched everything they did until they had enough information to hack and manipulate 3 billion accounts.

Once you accidentally accept a virus, malware or trojan, it begins to work immediately and can break your antivirus. Diligently run your antivirus in full scan mode several times a week if not daily. It is very easy to be tricked into clicking on a popup window or downloading something you find on the internet. Use your computers with a non-administrative account and only use your administrative account for installing necessary updates and software. Do not store FERPA sensitive information on your laptop, home computer or server.

Every fall the Cocoa and Palm Bay campuses select 2 charities to support during the holidays. The charities selected by administration this year were the Central Brevard Sharing Center Food Pantry and the Children's Hunger Project. Thank you to all the faculty, staff and students who helped the region collect for these causes.

Central Brevard Sharing Center

To celebrate the spirit of giving during the Thanksgiving holiday, the Cocoa & Palm Bay campuses collected non-perishable food and personal hygiene goods for the food pantry at the Central Brevard Sharing Center. Staff delivered seven boxes of food and one box of toiletries to the CBSC on the Monday before Thanksgiving.

For more information about the Central Brevard Sharing Center: sharingcenter.org



The Children's Hunger Project



The University of Central Florida Cocoa & Palm Bay Campuses have continued their support of The Children's Hunger Project for a third year. This past December the campuses collected donations and staged an on campus packing event. Their efforts surpassed the previous year's

totals of 113 and 140 packages and netted a grand total of 156 packages created for 2014.

The administration of Cocoa & Palm Bay would like to thank their faculty and staff for their generosity and dedication in support of the region's charitable efforts.

The Children's Hunger Project is a backpack food program that provides local elementary school children with lightweight trays of food they can carry home in their backpacks on the weekend. Children who receive free and reduced-price lunches are eligible for the program.

In 2015, the CHP will be expanding their program into North Brevard thanks to donations from Winn-Dixie and Brevard Hyundai and Coastal Mitsubishi dealerships including a new location.



For more information: thechildrenshungerproject.org

International Education Week

There was wide participation in International Education Week (November 17 - 21) this year with activities sponsored by students, staff and

faculty members, as well Orlando-based events through the Global Perspectives Office.

The International Breakfast, hosted by International Services Center and the Global Perspectives Office, was held on November 17. The Cocoa & Palm Bay campuses viewed the breakfast via Adobe Connect.



The Cocoa campus hosted a Global Snack Experience for faculty and staff on November 18. Thirty-eight snacks and desserts representing twenty-

five countries were offered.

A World Activity map was placed on the Cocoa campus. Students, faculty, and staff were encouraged to place pins in the map to mark their travels and where their relatives lived before coming to the United States.